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SUBJECT: ALIA REEQUIPMENT; NAJEEB HALABY

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FROM RCAA DWOR

1. RCAA MET WITH ALIA CHAIRMAN ALY GHANDOUR IN PARIS MARCH

8. GHANDOUR AGAIN INDICATED, ALTHOUGH MORE GUARDEDLY THAN

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DURING PHONE CONVERSATION MARCH 4, THAT TWO BOEING 747-200B

COMBIS ARE NOW ON PRODUCTION LINE AT BOEING-SEATTLE AND EAR-MARKED FOR DELIVERY TO ALIA LATER THIS YEAR.

2. GHANDOUR STATES THE TWO AIRCRAFT WERE ORDERED FOR ALIA BY AN UNDISCLOSED DONOR (PROBABLY RULER OF ABU DHABI/MAHDI TAJER AS IN CASE OF SYRIAN ARAB AND EGYPTAIR SCENARIOS) AND THAT BOEING CLAIMS SCENARIO ON TRACK. HOWEVER, CHAIRMAN STATES H.M. KING HUSSEIN, GOJ PRIME MINISTER, AND GHANDOUR HAVE NOT AS YET BEEN OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED BY DONOR OF GRANT. GHANDOUR STATES VALUE OF PACKAGE, INCLUDING SPARES AND GROUND EQUIPMENT, APPROXIMATELY \$100 MILLION. AIRCRAFT WILL EACH BE CONFIGURED AT APPROXIMATELY 260 SEATS PLUS MAINDECK CARGO CAPABILITY SIX 8' X8' X10' CONTAINERS. GHANDOUR REFUSED TO CONFIRM THAT ALIA CREWS PRESENTLY RECEIVING 747-200B TYPE-RATING TRAINING AT BOEING-SEATTLE.

3. CHAIRMAN STATES ENGINE SELECTION NEW AIRCRAFT NOT YET DECIDED UPON, WITH GENERAL ELECTRIC CF6-50E'S FAVORED OVER P&W JT9D-70A'S DUE CF6-50E DEPLOYMENT WESTERN EUROPE ON 747-200F OF AIR FRANCE, AND 747-200B COMBIS OF KLM AND LUFT-HANSA, ASSURING TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND AVAILABILITY SPARES.

4. GHANDOUR INDICATED JORDANIAN WORLD AIRWAYS (ALIA SUBSIDIARY) ORDERED AND RECEIVED DELIVERY OF A USED BOEING 707-321C FROM PAN AM, VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$5-6 MILLION, TO REPLACE ONE 707-321C LOST BY THE CHARTER AIRLINE AT AGADIR LAST YEAR, WHICH REBUILDS CHARTER FLEET TO TWO AIRCRAFT.

5. GHANDOUR INDICATES FUTURE SCHEDULED SERVICE ROUTE EXPANSION GOALS FOR ALIA TENTATIVELY INCLUDE RIO DE JANEIRO, FAR EAST (BEYOND BANGKOK), AND NEW YORK.

6. GHANDOUR STATES (REF: DAMASCUS 1128) HALABY INVOLVEMENT IN ALIA MANAGEMENT CONFINED ONLY TO SPECIFIC, NARROW PROJECTS SUCH AS DEVELOPMENT ARAB AIR ACADEMY IN AMMAN TO TRAIN FUTURE FLIGHT AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL FOR AIRLINES OF THE AREA, AND SPECIALIZED COMPUTER PROGRAMS (I.E., RESERVATIONS CONTROL) AND PLANNING.

7. FOR AMMAN: RCAA WOULD APPRECIATE AVAILABILITY ECON/ LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMERCIAL CHIEF LLOYD GEORGE FOR JOINT CALLS FENSKE, ARYNE, AND OTHER ALIA EXECUTIVES.

8. FOR PARIS: RCAA APPRECIATIVE RCAA MILLER AND EMBASSY CO-OPERATION DURING MARCH 8 VISIT PARIS, WHICH GREATLY FACILITATED APPOINTMENT WITH GHANDOUR. VOLPE

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